

REMARKS

This application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Office Action.

As to the matters of form identified as items 1-5 in the Office Action, Applicant has amended the application as necessary to eliminate the bases for such objections, the reconsideration and withdrawal of which are therefore respectfully requested.

The Office Action identifies a number of bases for drawing objections. Applicant has amended the drawings as necessary to eliminate the bases for such objections, including addition of the correct header identifying each sheet of drawings as a replacement sheet, identifying groups of elements by bracket in Figures 6 and 12, and providing the correct form of figure legend for each drawing. The drawing amendment by replacement sheets adds no new matter to the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 28 and 41 as failing to meet the written description requirement. The rejected claims are cancelled, and reconsideration and withdrawal of such rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 22, 26-28, and 39-41 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as indefinite. Applicant has carefully reviewed the claims in light of the helpful analysis provided in the Office Action and amended the claims as

necessary to overcome such rejection, the reconsideration and withdrawal of which are therefore respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 22 as unpatentable over Shimano, and separately as unpatentable over the same reference in view of Bernard et al.

The Office Action also explicitly states, however, that claims 26-28 and 39-41 are allowable but for the rejections and objections that are not based on prior art.

In light of Applicants amendment of claim 22 to incorporate all of the features of claim 26 and the extensive amendment of the claims discussed above, Applicant believes that all claims in the application are in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- ☐ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ - a Replacement Sheet for Figures 1-16 of the drawings
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- ☐ - a verified English translation of foreign priority document